Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Suppose the reason is on his side and the Government are on the wrong side.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The option is reserved with the Government.

NON-GRADUATE CLERKS IN THE REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

141. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there have been requests from non-graduate clerks of the Registration Department with over 20 years service for promotion to the grade of Rs. 60—80 as District Registrars;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) above is in the affirmative, whether promotion has been given to any such non-graduate during the last 3 years;

(*c*) is there not a Government Order by which non-graduates with 20 years approved service on 1st Vrischigam 1115 may be considered exempt from the graduate rule for purposes of promotion up to Rs. 100;

(*d*) are not promotions being given to non-graduates in other departments in view of Government Order referred in (*c*) above;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, why is it that the Government do not extend the same concession to the non-graduate clerks of the Registration Department in the matter of appointment as District Registrars;

(*f*) is there any post on Rs. 60—80 in the Registration Branch of the Department other than that of a District Registrar to which a non-graduate can aspire promotion;

(*g*) has not the Registration Manual been amended recently on the lines of the British Registration Manual;

(*h*) is not the table of fees here on a par with that in force in British India;

(*i*) are not Government aware that a certain percentage of the Sub-Registrar's posts in British India is filled up by promoting non-graduate clerks of the department;

(*j*) if the answer to (*i*) above is in the affirmative why is it that Government departs from the British policy, in the matter of such promotions alone?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, in suitable cases where such posts are available and fall vacant.

(*e*) Government do not consider that the graduate rule could be relaxed in this case.

(*f*) Nil.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The rate of fees of the Madras Presidency are usually adopted in the State also. The rates there were revised recently with effect from 1st April 1943. The question of adopting the same rates here also is under consideration.

(*i*) No information here.

(*j*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*i*).

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is it necessary to have special qualifications for graduates and undergraduates to hold the post of district registrars.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is considered better and more efficient to appoint only graduates as registrars.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is it compulsory?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Government have decided that to the post of registrar which is certainly a responsible job, only graduates should be appointed.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is it necessary to have special tests?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They should pass the registration test.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: In the case of new recruitments will the Government be pleased to see that those who have passed the registration tests are appointed as far as possible.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government would give preference to such people.

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Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* If those who are employed in the department have passed the registration tests will the Government be pleased to confirm them in that department alone.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The rule is that the graduates in the registration department possessing the test qualification should be given preference for appointment as District Registrars, 25 per cent of the vacancies has been reserved for them. The remaining vacancies will be filled up by appointing law graduates.

PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM SITARAM MILLS—TRICHUR MUNICIPALITY

142. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Trichur Municipality is purchasing Electricity from the Sitaram Mills, Ltd.;

(*b*) if so, the date from which they commenced;

(*c*) (*i*) the total quantity purchased till the 15th Mithunam 1118;

(*ii*) the price paid till that date;

(*iii*) the cost yet to be paid accrued up to the 15th of Mithunam 1118;

(*d*) the terms of contract;

(*e*) the reasons which necessitated to take this course;

(*f*) whether the Municipality derive any gain in distribution of Electricity;

(*g*) if so, the profit and loss account in their contract with the Sitaram?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 31st Edavam 1118/14th June 1943.

(*c*) (*i*) Usually the meter readings are taken only once a month. The reading on 15th Mithunam 1118 is not available.

(*ii*) Nothing has been paid so far. The cost of 7620 units supplied till 11th Mithunam 1118 is Rs. 476—4—0.

(*iii*) No reply can be given in view of the answer to sub-division (*i*).

(*d*) A copy of the draft agreement approved by the parties is placed on the table.

(*e*) To augment the supply of power to the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Pudukad.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No profit and loss account is maintained in respect of the supply from the Sitaram Mills, Ltd., alone.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the answer to question No. 68 (*e*) of this session do not the Government think that it is below their dignity to approach the Sitaram Mills when they have been very unkind towards them.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know the rate at which the Sitaram Mills supply power?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At the rate of 1 anna per unit.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is the rate at which the Cochin textiles are being supplied with current?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* 11 pies.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the power house at Trichur was found to be insufficient to supply current to the Textiles.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether it was more profitable to buy electricity from the Sitaram than to purchase new machinery.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. All those questions were gone into.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the cost of generating electricity by the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost of generation in the Trichur power house is about 9 pies.

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